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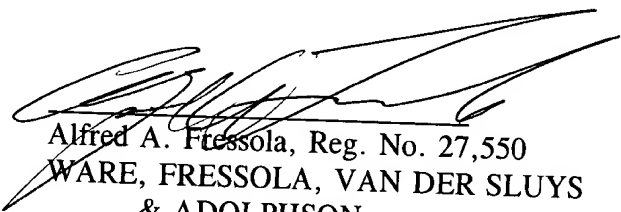
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The references are listed in the enclosed Finnish Search Report dated January 24, 2000 and the International Search Report dated October 17, 2000. A concise explanation of the relevance of each reference is specifically pointed out in the search reports. Please note that one reference; namely, The Winning of Nickel, Its Geology, Mining, and Extractive Metallurgy is cited in both reports. A PTO 1449 listing the cited references is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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